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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UN, PARM, FR
SUBJ: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

REF: STATE 026795

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBOFF SOUNDED OUT QUAI IS-
ARMAMENT OFFICIAL MISTRAL ON FRENCH PREPARATIONS FOR
SSOD AND PREPCOM MEETINGS. MISTRAL REVIEWED LIST OF
NON-ALIGNED PROPOSALS DISCUSSED BY EC-9 EXPERTS WHICH
INCLUDE INTER ALIA NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES
AGAINST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NNWS AND
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"DEMILITARIZATION" OF MEDITERRANEAN AND BALTIC SEAS.
MISTRAL OUTLINED QUAI THINKING ON PREPCOMS AND SSOD,
STATING THAT FRANCE WILL ADOPT A GENERALLY "DEFENSIVE
POSTURE" RE THE SSOD. IN CONCLUSION, MISTRAL REQUESTED
THAT US KEEP QUAI ABREAST OF US POSITIONS RE THE SSOD
AS THEY EVOLVE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FEBRUARY 8 EMBOFF CALLED ON MISTRAL, ACTING CHIEF OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AT QUAI, TO MAKE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS RE GOF PREPARATIONS FOR SSOD AND PREPCOMS. EMBOFF DREW FULLY ON GUIDANCE PARA 12 REFTEL, POINTING OUT THAT PARTICULARLY BECAUSE FRANCE IS A MEMBER OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, THE US WOULD WELCOME FRENCH VIEWS ON QUESTIONS OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL OR PROCEDURAL NATURE, AND ANY OTHER ISSUES REGARDING THE SSOD WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO GOF.

3. MISTRAL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US INTEREST AND SAID THAT GOF IS PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS OF NEED TO PREPARE CAREFULLY FOR SSOD. TO THAT END AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. FRANCE INTENDS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEES AND IN THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF. FRENCH POSITIONS ARE STILL IN AN EMBRYONIC STATE BUT MISTRAL COULD CONVEY THE FOLLOWING.

4. DISARMAMENT EXPERTS OF THE EC-9 MET RECENTLY IN LONDON FOR AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE SSOD AND PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE PUT FORWARD BY THE "NON-ALIGNED/THIRD WORLD," IN PARTICULAR BY THE YUGOSLAVS. THESE INCLUDE:

A. AN LDC PROPOSAL TO DIVERT FUNDS SAVED AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS A RESULT OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT MEASURES TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE LDCS. MISTRAL PREDICTED THAT THIS WILL BE A "HOT ISSUE."
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B. A YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL THAT THE SSOD PRODUCE A "POLITICAL DECLARATION." MISTRAL SAID THIS WOULD BE A "LOCH NESS MONSTER" AND PROBABLY END UP AS A LONG SHOPPING LIST WITH SOMETHING ON IT FOR EVERYBODY.

C. A PROPOSAL FOR NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES BY THE NUCLEAR POWERS RENOUNCING USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES (NNWS).

D. PROPOSALS TO "DEMILITARIZE" THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BALTIC SEAS.

E. PROPOSALS TO LIMIT TRANSFERS OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

F. PROPOSALS TO REORGANIZE THE UN ROLE IN ARMS CONTROL, PERHAPS BY "REINFORCING" THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD) OR BY CREATING A SPECIAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY WITHIN THE UN.

5. RE THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS, MISTRAL SAID THAT FRANCE WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE MARCH 7-11 MEETING BY OFFICERS FROM THE FRENCH UN MISSION. THE

QUAI EXPECTS TO SEND REPRESENTATION FROM PARIS TO THE

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MAY AND SEPTEMBER PREPCOM MEETINGS WHICH THE FRENCH
CONSIDER WILL BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MARCH PREPCOM.
FOR PRESIDENT OF THE PREPCOM, ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR
DE ROSAS IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOF.

6. AS FOR THE SSOD ITSELF, FRANCE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP
THE SESSION AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE, IDEALLY THREE WEEKS,
BUT THE QUAI RECOGNIZES THE SESSION MAY LAST AS LONG
AS TWO MONTHS. THE QUAI EXPECTS THE MAY PREPCOM
MEETING TO BEGIN TO DRAW UP THE LIST OF SUBJECTS TO BE
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DISCUSSED AT THE SSOD. FRANCE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO AVOID A COMPLETE REITERATION OF EVERY ARMS CONTROL OR DISARMAMENT ISSUE WHICH COMES UP AT EACH UNGA SESSION. THE QUAI BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE WISER AND MORE MANAGEABLE TO CONCENTRATE THE SSOD ON A FEW KEY ISSUES. MISTRAL SAID THAT FRANCE WILL ADOPT A GENERALLY "DEFENSIVE POSTURE" RE THE SSOD, ANTICIPATING THAT IT MAY EVOLVE INTO A CIRCUS WITH PROPOSALS RUNNING THE GAMUT FROM SERIOUS INITIATIVES TO TOTALLY IMPRACTICAL RESOLUTIONS.

7. IN CONCLUSION, MISTRAL SAID THAT IT WILL BE MOST USEFUL TO THE GOF IN ITS PREPARATIONS IF THE US WOULD KEEP THE QUAI ABREAST OF US STUDIES AND POSITIONS. COMMENT: AS MISTRAL IS THE PREEMINENT ARMS CONTROL/ DISARMAMENT EXPERT AT THE QUAI, IT WILL BE IN THE US INTEREST TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH HIM. DEPARTMENT'S AND ACDA'S ASSISTANCE TO THIS END WILL BE APPRECIATED. RUSH

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